

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT  
OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
FOR CHANGE OF APPROPRIATION )  
WATER RIGHT NOS. W139988-40A, )  
W139989-40A, AND P50641-40A BY )  
CARELESS CREEK RANCH CO. )

FINAL ORDER

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The time period for filing exceptions, objections, or comments to the Proposal for Decision in this matter has expired. No timely written exceptions were received. Therefore, having given the matter full consideration, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation hereby accepts and adopts the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as contained in the September 15, 1988 Proposal for Decision and incorporates them herein by reference.

WHEREFORE, based on the record herein, the Department makes the following:

ORDER

That portion of Application for Change of Appropriation Water Right for Statement of Claim Nos. W139988-40A and W139989-40A is hereby denied.

Subject to the terms, conditions, restrictions, and limitations specified below, Application for Change of Appropriation Water Right is hereby granted to Careless Creek Ranch Co. to

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change the point of diversion of Permit No. 50641-40A to the NW SE SE of Section 5, Township 8 North, Range 18 East.

This Change Authorization is subject to the following express terms, conditions, restrictions, and limitations:

A. This Change Authorization is subject to all prior and existing water rights, and to any final determination of such rights as provided by Montana Law. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize appropriations by the Permittee to the detriment of any senior appropriator.

B. Issuance of this Change Authorization by the Department shall not reduce the Permittee's liability for damages caused by exercise of this Change Authorization, nor does the Department, in issuing this Change Authorization, acknowledge any liability for damages caused by exercise of the Change Authorization, even if such damage is a necessary and unavoidable consequence of the same.

C. The water diverted pursuant to Provisional Permit No. 50641-40A shall continue to be subject to the conditions stated on the Permit, to wit:

- 1) The permittee shall cease exercising the permitted appropriation once the flow rate in the Mussel-shell River at the U.S.G.S. gaging station near Roundup, Montana drops below the following amounts for the months indicated:

April	20.7 cubic feet per second (cfs)
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- 2) The flow rates may be adjusted when the adjudication process is completed or if additional information on existing water rights becomes available.
- 3) The permittee shall install and maintain an adequate measuring device to enable him to keep records of all the water diverted under this permit. These records shall include the volume, rate and the time of withdrawals and shall be submitted on a monthly basis to the Lewistown Area Water Rights Office.

#### NOTICE

It is the permittee's responsibility to determine what the stream flow conditions of the Musselshell River are before diverting water under this permit. The permittee shall call the Water Rights Bureau Field Office in Lewistown at 538-7459 to confirm that an adequate flow is available in the Musselshell River for his diversion. The permittee shall check the flow rate twice a week (after 10:00 a.m. Tuesday and Friday) or as often as conditions demand (determined by the Water Rights Field Office) during his diversion to ensure that adequate flow is available for his diversion and for existing rights.


D. The water rights affected by this Change Authorization are subject to the authority of the court appointed water commissioner to admeasure and distribute to the parties using water in the source of supply to which they are entitled. Careless Creek Ranch Co. shall pay its proportionate share of the fees and compensation and expenses, as fixed by the district court, incurred in the distribution of the waters affected by this Authorization to Change Appropriation Water Right.


#### NOTICE

The Department's Final Order may be appealed in accordance with the Montana Administrative Procedure Act by filing a peti-

tion in the appropriate court within 30 days after service of the Final Order.

Dated this 28 day of October, 1988.

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order was duly served upon all parties of record at their address or addresses this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1988, as follows:

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Pursuant to the Montana Water Use Act and to the contested case provisions of the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, a hearing was held in the above-entitled matter on July 21, 1988, in Harlowton, Montana.

Careless Creek Ranch Co., the applicant in this matter, was represented by and through Leon Lammers.

Objector Thomas N. Glennie appeared pro se.

Objector Joseph D. Pirrie appeared pro se.

Raymond Jeffers appeared as an interested party.

Sterling Sundheim, Civil Engineer III with the Lewistown Water Rights Bureau Field Office, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (hereafter, Department), attended the hearing in this matter.

EXHIBITS

The Applicant offered two exhibits for inclusion in the record in this matter:

Applicant's Exhibit 1 consists of two copies of a portion of a USGS Quadrangle map. The larger map has been enlarged and enhanced to show the Careless Creek route through Sections 5, 8 and parts of Section 16 and 17, all in Township 8 North, Range 18 East. This map also indicates the Applicant's proposed and present points of diversion, ditches and the location of existing measuring devices. Objector Pirrie's point of diversion and a portion of his property are also identified on this map. The smaller map is a copy of a portion of the same USGS Quadrangle map that has not been enlarged or enhanced.

Applicant's Exhibit 2 is a certified copy of the 1924 Decree which determined the water rights of Careless Creek.

Applicant's Exhibits 1 and 2 were accepted for the record without objection.

The Objectors did not submit any exhibits in support of their objections to the Application in this matter.

The Department of did not submit any exhibits for inclusion in the record in this matter. The Department file was made part of the record in this matter without objection, after review by all parties at the hearing.

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

An Application for Change of Appropriation Water Right was filed with the Department by Careless Creek Ranch Co. on February 4, 1988 to add a point of diversion to claimed Water Rights No. W139988-40A and W139989-40A. The

additional point of diversion would be located in the NW SE SE of Section 5, Township 8 North, Range 18 East, in Wheatland County, Montana.

The Application for Change also seeks to change the point of diversion for Permit No. P50641-40A from NW NE SE Section 5, Township 8 North, Range 18 East to NW SE SE of Section 5, Township 8 North, Range 18 East, in Wheatland County, Montana.

Two timely objections to the Application were filed. Joseph D. Pirrie objected on the basis that two points of diversion for Careless Creek Ranch Co. would make it impossible for him to exercise any of any part of his water right.

Thomas N. Glennie did not state the basis of his written objection.

The contested case hearing in this matter was completed on July 21, 1988, and the record was closed at the end of the hearing.

The Hearing Examiner, having reviewed the record in this matter and being fully advised in the premises, does hereby make the following proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. MCA Section 85-2-401 states, in relevant part, "An appropriator may not make a change in an appropriation right except as permitted under this section and with the approval of the department or, if applicable, the legislature." The requirement of legislative approval does not apply in this matter.

2. This application for Change of Appropriation Water Right was duly filed with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation on February 4, 1988 at 3:20 p.m.

3. The pertinent portions of the Application were published in the Times Clarion, a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the source, on March 17, 1988.

4. The source of water for the claimed and permitted water rights to be changed is surface water from Careless Creek in Wheatland County. The use of the decreed water rights in question has been made by diverting water from Careless Creek at a point in the SE SE NE of Section 8, Township 8 North, Range 18 East, running the water through a ditch to irrigate 8 acres in the E2 SE SE of Section 8; 16 acres in the W2 SW SW of Section 9; 18 acres in the S2 S2 SW of Section 15; 13 acres in the E2 NW NW, 5 acres in the SW NE NW, 17 acres in the E2 SW NW, 35 acres in the SE NW, 10 acres in the SW SW NE, 25 acres in the NW SW, 40 acres in the NE SW, 11 acres in the N2 SE SW, 36 acres in the NW SE, 4 acres in the SW NE SE, 29 acres in the SW SE and 26 acres in the SE SE, all in Section 16; 14 acres in the NW NW and 9 acres in the W2 NE NW of Section 22; all in Township 8 North, Range 18 East, Wheatland County, for a total of 316 acres.

Permit to Appropriate Water No. 050641-40A allows supplemental irrigation on the same 316 acres and an additional 31 acres. The point of diversion under this Permit is the NW NE SE of Section 5, Township 8 North, Range 18 East. This description is in error; the actual point of diversion is in the NW SE SE of said Section 5. This Application for Change was filed, in part, to correct that error. The water is diverted into a ditch and stored in a reservoir with a capacity of 110

acre-feet. The dam which creates this reservoir is located in the SE NE SW of Section 9, Township 8 North, Range 18 East, while the reservoir lies mostly in N2 S2 of said Section 9. Although the Permit allows irrigation on 347 acres, only the original 316 acres are irrigated. The period of appropriation for this permit is from January 1 through December 31 and the permit is subject to the following conditions.

- 1) The permittee shall cease exercising the permitted appropriation once the flow rate in the Musselshell River at the U.S.G.S. gaging station near Roundup, Montana drops below the following amounts for the months indicated:

April	20.7 cubic feet per second (cfs)
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- 2) The flow rates may be adjusted when the adjudication process is completed or if additional information on existing water rights becomes available.
- 3) The permittee shall install and maintain an adequate measuring device to enable him to keep records of all the water diverted under this permit. These records shall include the volume, rate and the time of withdrawals and shall be submitted on a monthly basis to the Lewistown Area Water Rights Office.

#### NOTICE

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The reservoir is filled in the winter or when the Musselshell River has a flow rate exceeding the aforementioned flow rates. (Testimony of Applicant and Department file.)

5. Under the Applicant's proposed change, the new point of diversion would be located approximately three quarters of a mile upstream from the claimed point of diversion. The decreed amount of water would be diverted from Careless Creek at a point in the NW SE SE of Section 5, Township 8 North, Range 18 East, into the ditch constructed under Permit No. 050641-40A, then the water would run into a natural waterway, then into the reservoir. The reservoir is equipped with an outlet which releases the water into a natural waterway where the water travels approximately one quarter mile then is diverted into a ditch that carries the water to the place of use. (Testimony of Applicant and Department file.)

6. The new point of diversion would be used when the decreed amount of water cannot be appropriated from the old point of diversion. The decreed water would not be stored in the reservoir. Careless Creek Ranch Co. owns the property between the points of diversion and no other persons have a water right for appropriating water at any point in this area. (Testimony of Applicant and Department records.)

7. There is a Parshall flume in the new ditch approximately one quarter of a mile from the proposed point of diversion and a measuring weir a little over a quarter of a mile downstream from the reservoir. There is a Parshall flume in the old ditch approximately one quarter of a mile from the old point of diversion.

The amount of water conveyed through either ditch can be measured and the water released from the reservoir can be measured. (Testimony of Applicant and Department file.)

8. The point of diversion for Claim No's. 139988-40A and 139989-40A described as the SE NE SE of Section 8, Township 8 North, Range 18 East has not been used for some time and would not be used in addition to the proposed change. This point of diversion could be stricken from the claims. (Testimony of Applicant.)

9. There is a court appointed water commissioner who has the authority to admeasure and distribute the waters of Careless Creek. (Testimony of Applicant.)

10. Objector Thomas N. Glennie has decreed rights for water from Careless Creek and has filed Statements of Claim before the Water Courts of Montana for those water rights. Mr. Glennie's point of diversion is approximately 10 miles upstream from the Applicant's proposed point of diversion. (Testimony of Applicant, Mr. Glennie, Department records and Department file.)

11. Objector Joseph D. Pirrie has filed a Statement of Claim before the Water Courts of Montana claiming a priority date of 1928 for irrigation water from Careless Creek. The period of use claimed for this water right is March 1 through July 1. Mr. Pirrie's point of diversion is approximately one half mile downstream from the old point of diversion and a little over a mile downstream from the proposed point of diversion. (Testimony of Applicant, Mr. Pirrie, Department records and Department file.)

12. Both objectors expressed concern about combining permitted water with decreed water and the possibility of the permitted water being used while the objectors would not be able to exercise claimed decreed water rights, in Mr. Glennie's case and claimed water rights, in Mr. Pirrie's case.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and upon the record in this matter, the Hearing Examiner makes the following:

PROPOSED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Department gave proper notice of the hearing, and all relevant substantive and procedural requirements of law or rule have been fulfilled, therefore the matter was properly before the Hearing Examiner.

2. The Department has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein, and all the parties hereto.

3. The Department must issue an authorization to change an Appropriation Water Right if the Applicant proves by substantial credible evidence that the following criteria are met:

- (a) The proposed use will not adversely affect the water rights of other persons or other planned uses or developments for which a permit has been issued or for which water has been reserved.
- (b) The proposed means of diversion, construction, and operation of the appropriation works are adequate.

(c) The proposed use of water is a beneficial use.

4. The proposed use of water, irrigation, is a beneficial use of water. See MCA 85-2-102(2).

5. The proposed means of diversion, construction, and operation of the appropriation works are adequate. (See Findings of Fact 5 and 7.)

6. The Applicant has provided substantial credible evidence that the proposed change of point of diversion for Statement of Claim No's. W139988-40A and W139989-40A will not adversely affect the water rights of other persons provided the water is appropriated at the proposed point of diversion while the same amount of water is available at the present point of diversion. However, to grant a change subject to that condition would defeat the purpose of the Application for Change, which is to divert water at the new point of diversion when there is no water available at the old point of diversion. (See Finding of Fact 6.) Permittee testified the old point of diversion is actually the better point of diversion for the claimed decreed water right because it is closer to the place of use. When asked if Careless Creek had always dried up at the old point of diversion, the Applicant replied in the affirmative. This being the case, to grant an Authorization to Change Appropriation Water Right under those circumstance would be granting an appropriation of water that had not historically been available to the Applicant. That would not be a change, but a new appropriation of water. Except as otherwise provided in (1) through (3) of 85-2-306, MCA, a person may not make a

new appropriation of water except by applying for and receiving a permit from the Department. (See MCA 85-2-302.)

7. The objection filed by Mr. Pirrie contained the allegation that the Applicant's volume is excessive. However, Mr. Pirrie did not provide any testimony or evidence which refuted the Applicant's entitlement to the claimed decreed and permitted volumes.

An Objector cannot defeat the proposed change simply by making a general allegation that the Applicant is not entitled to the decreed and permitted volumes. The Applicant has presented his duly filed claims, together with a certified copy of the Careless Creek Decree, as proof of entitlement to the decreed water rights. A copy of Permit No. 50641-40A is in the Department file providing proof of the permitted volume. Therefore, the Applicant has met its burden of proof on the existence of the water rights which are the subject of the change application. The determination on the issue of adverse effect to the water rights of other persons is made on the basis of whether exercise of the Applicant's claimed and permitted rights pursuant to the proposed change will result in adverse effect, not whether exercise of the Applicant's water rights per se will adversely affect the Objectors.

8. The Applicant has provided substantial credible evidence that the proposed change of point of diversion for Permit No. 50641-40A will not adversely affect the water rights of other persons. (See Finding of Fact 4.)

Mr. Pirrie stated that if this change is allowed, "by being able to divert this water, if they couldn't use it other than storage, there is no chance for it to ever get to me because they can either put it down the ditches that have water rights or they can put it in the reservoir on the permit. So it blocks me out and I don't feel that I want to start in at this point and give up my right to a permit that is 30 - 40 years junior to it." Mr. Pirrie stated that he was not objecting to the permit but he was against mixing the decreed rights with a permitted right.

Mr. Pirrie's claimed water right is senior to the Applicant's permitted water right. The Applicant testified that the dam is filled in the winter or when the Musselshell River is above a certain flow rate which usually occurs in the months before April. Mr. Pirrie's water right is restricted to a period of use between March 1 and July 1. Appropriating water in the winter months to store in the permitted reservoir could not adversely affect Mr. Pirrie's senior right. All permits issued by the Department are subject to all prior existing water rights in the source of supply. (See MCA 85-2-312.) Therefore, if Mr. Pirrie has a need for the water and is able to use it, the Applicant is required to allow sufficient water to flow past the proposed point of diversion to satisfy Mr. Pirrie's prior water right before appropriating water from Careless Creek for use under Permit No. 50641-40A during the period of March 1 through July 1, regardless of the flow rate in the Musselshell River. However, if there is no flow at Mr. Pirrie's point of diversion and water is available at Applicant's the proposed point of diversion, Applicant may appropriate from the proposed change of point of diversion for Permit No. 50641-40A without adversely affecting Mr. Pirrie's right because there would be no water for Mr. Pirrie to appropriate.

Mr. Glennie alleged during his testimony that in the spring of 1987, when there was a water commissioner on the creek, "Careless Creek Ranch Co. have water rights on up the creek below us, first and third rights. Apparently they weren't using that right and a lot of times they transfer water ... 7 miles down to use further down on their ranch. At that time apparently they didn't have any use for the water and they were putting it in this permitted ditch and storing it in a reservoir when many of the rights adjudicated back in the 1890's were shut off and they were taking advantage and using a Permit... dated August 3, 1982." Mr. Glennie did not clarify why his decreed rights were "shut off", however, his statement that, "We certainly felt we shouldn't be shut off when water was being put into a dam for storage," intimates the water commissioner must have so ordered.

When there is a water commissioner on a stream, that commissioner has the authority to distribute the water, whether the water right is a decree, permit or certificate, according to priority. An administrative hearing is not the time nor place to complain about the actions of a water commissioner, who has been appointed by the court. A person owning or using any of the waters of a decreed stream or ditch may file a written complaint with the district court. See MCA 85-5-301.

However, apart from his allegations concerning the events of 1987, Mr. Glennie did not produce any evidence or testimony to show adverse effect that may be caused by this Application to Change.

The Objectors' concern about combining decreed water with permitted water on the basis that it would be difficult to administrate is not without merit. If there were no water commissioner on the stream, it would be difficult to administer a

mixture of the decreed and permitted water. There is a water commissioner on Careless Creek who has the authority and duty to measure and distribute the water under such decree, permit or certificate by priority date. That issue is irrelevant. It has been established Applicant seeks to appropriate water not historically available to him under the claimed decreed water right. (See Finding of Fact 6.)

Applicant is required by Permit No. 50641-40A to maintain a measuring device to enable him to keep records of all water diverted under this permit. Those records must include the volume, rate and time of withdrawals and must be submitted on a monthly basis to the Lewistown Area Water Rights Office. This change would not release the Applicant from that responsibility.

Therefore, based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Examiner makes the following:

PROPOSED ORDER

That portion of Application for Change of Appropriation Water Right for Statement of Claim No's. WL39988-40A and WL39989-40A is hereby denied.

Subject to the terms, conditions, restrictions, and limitations specified below, Application for Change of Appropriation Water Right is hereby granted to Careless Creek Ranch Co. to change the point of diversion of Permit No. 50641-40A to the NW SE SE of Section 5, Township 8 North, Range 18 East.

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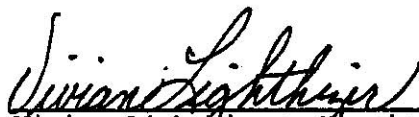
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D. The water rights affected by this Change Authorization are subject to the authority of the court appointed water commissioner to admeasure and distribute to the parties using water in the source of supply to which they are entitled.

Careless Creek Ranch Co. shall pay its proportionate share of the fees and compensation and expenses, as fixed by the district court, incurred in the distribution of the waters affected by this Authorization to Change Appropriation Water Right.

DONE this 15th day of September, 1988.



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### NOTICE

This proposal is a recommendation, not a final decision. All parties are urged to review carefully the terms of the proposed order, including the legal land descriptions. Any party adversely affected by the Proposal for Decision may file exceptions thereto with the Hearing Examiner (P. O. Box 1269, Glasgow, MT 59230); the exceptions must be filed within 20 days after the proposal is served upon the party. MCA §2-4-623.

Exceptions must specifically set forth the precise portions of the proposed decision to which exception is taken, the reason for the exception, and authorities upon which the exception relies. No final decision shall be made until after the expiration of the time period for filing exceptions, and the due consideration of any exceptions which have been timely filed.

Any adversely affected party has the right to present briefs and oral arguments pertaining to its exceptions before the Water Resources Division Administrator. A request for oral argument must be made in writing and be filed with the Hearing Examiner within 20 days after service of the proposal upon the party. MCA §2-4-621(1). Written requests for an oral argument must specifically set forth the party's exceptions to the proposed decision.

Oral arguments held pursuant to such a request normally will be scheduled for the locale where the contested case hearing in this matter was held. However, the party asking for oral argument may request a different location at the time the exception is filed.

Parties who attend oral argument are not entitled to introduce evidence, give additional testimony, offer additional exhibits, or introduce new witnesses. Rather, the parties will be limited to discussion of the evidence which already is present in the record. Oral argument will be restricted to those issues which the parties have set forth in their written request for oral argument.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

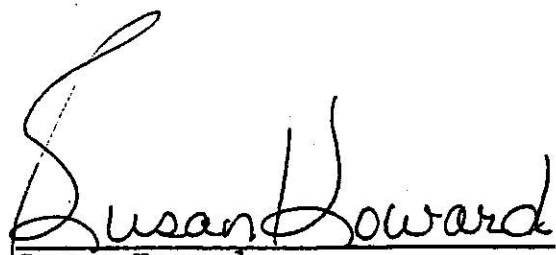
This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing PROPOSAL FOR DECISION was served by mail upon all parties of record at their address this 26th day of September, 1988, as follows:

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